(c) and (d). Only 3 allottees out of 339 have paid the entire cost of the plots. Since the Plots earmaked for them were located in the "Forest Area" and the conversion of forest area into industrial Plots was not agreed to, these allottees were offered alternative plots on 27.3.91 in the Industrial Area, Phase-II Extension. An interim stay was ordered on the same date by the Punjab and Haryana High Court restraining Chandigarh Administration from issuing intent/allotment letters and finalising the list of the draw. Further action regarding final intent/allptment letters will be taken by Chandigarh Administration after the vacation of stay by the court.

[*Translation*]

KVIC Office in Bikaner

5651. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission proposes to open its regional office in Bikaner;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). KVIC has proposed to open a regional Office at Bikaner to cater to the needs of the Institutions of Western Districts namely Bikaner, Ganganagar, Barmor Jaisalmer, Churu, Nagaur, Jodhpur, Sikar and Jhunjhunu of Rajasthan State.

It is likely to start from financial year 1992-93.

Coal Production

5652. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA:
DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO:
SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:
SHRI S.B. THORAT:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the production of coal in the Seventh Five-Year-Plan vis-a-vis the target fixed;

(b) the measures taken to achieve the target;

(c) the estimated production thereof in the Eighth Plan; and

(d) the amount proposed to be spent thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The coal production of the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period Vis-a-vis the targets fixed is as under:

Coal Production (in million tonnes)

Year	*Target*	*Actual*
1985-86	154.50	154.50
1986-87	166.80	165.79

Coal Production (in million tonnes)

Year	*Target*	*Actual*
1987-88	183.50	179.72
1988-89	196.28	194.60
1989-90	209.50	200.89

(b) Steps taken to augment coal production inter–alia, include opening of new mines, modernisation of existing mines, application of new technologies to achieve maximum results and ensuring timely availability of inputs and infrastructural facilities.

(c) and (d). The Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97) is yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission. However, the Planning Commission have approved a coal production plan 238.20 million tonnes for the country for 1992-93, the first year of the Eighth Plan. The Planning Commission have also approved an investment plan of Rs. 2282 crores for the coal sector for 1992-93.

Production of Tyres

5653. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the production of tyres during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) whether there has been unprecedented increase in prices of tyres during the last year; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to reduce the prices of tyres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) The production of tyres during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92 has been indicated in the attached statement.

(b) The prices of tyres have increased by 11% to 15% in the last year. This was due to the increase in prices of raw materials, devaluation, etc.

(c) There is not statuary control over the prices of tyres.

STATEMENT

Total Tyre Production

(In Nos.)

Category	1990-91	1991-92 (Apr. 91-Feb.92) (11 months)
Truck & Bus	*5,258,490*	4,951,976